

MEERSCHAUM IN NEW MEXICO.

Sufficient in Quantity to Break Turkish Government Monopoly.

Because of the discovery of vast deposits of meerschaum in the mountains of New Mexico it is likely that the monopoly of that mineral heretofore held by the Turkish government will be broken and pipes of that material will be lessened in cost.

Until recently all the meerschaum used in the commerce of the world was produced from a mine in the plains of Eskihisler, Anatoly, Turkey in Asia. In those mines are employed 10,000 men. The output of the mine was owned by the Turkish government and it kept the price up.

It is said that enough meerschaum has been discovered in Grant county, New Mexico, to supply the world's needs.

There is a popular belief that meerschaum is petrified sea foam washed up ages ago and solidified by some strange process of nature. Meerschaum is a mineral known to scientists as "sepiolite." It is composed principally of silica and magnesium. It is found in fissures in the rock, where volcanic action has forced it up to the surface.

Meerschaum is used not only for making tobacco pipes, but because of its unique properties of resisting a high degree of heat and its ready absorption of water, it is put to various electrical and mechanical uses.

In the mines of New Mexico a solid block of meerschaum weighing 45 pounds was taken out. It was the largest block of meerschaum ever mined.

MOUNTAIN SHEEP STOP TRAIN.

Animals Are a Nuisance to Railroad in Colorado.

The law preventing the killing of mountain sheep is known to be agreeable to sportsmen, but it meets with anything but approval of trainmen.

The Florence and Cripple Creek train due here at nine o'clock Thursday morning was delayed 20 minutes by mountain sheep running along the tracks. The train was pulling into McCourt, a flag station, when the engineer discovered a bunch of 11 mountain sheep ahead. The whistle was blown, but the animals kept on the track. The train had to be stopped and the sheep driven off with rocks.

The train had no sooner started when several sheep again jumped in front of the engine and trotted ahead for a distance of almost a quarter of a mile. Several weeks ago Conductor Jack Brown stopped his train one mile below McCourt to release a large ram that was caught by the horns in a wire fence.—Cripple Creek Correspondence Denver News.

Nothing Left.

With a low cry of anguish, the joke writer buried his face in his thin hands.

"What's the matter now?" his wife asked anxiously.

"Look at this," the poor fellow answered, as he extended her a printed slip. "As if joke writing wasn't hard enough already. And here the syndicate prohibits from this time forth all jokes on Irishmen, March winds, Easter bonnets, mothers-in-law, automobile accidents, watered milk, umbrella stealing, talkative barbers and the wifely pilfering of the husband's pockets in the dead of night."

"We are indeed undone," the woman moaned.

Makes a Difference Whose House.

"The hurricane plowed your neighbor's house down?"

"Yes; he ain't been livin' right fer some time."

"An' the lightning killed all his cows?"

"Yes; it was a judgment sent on him fer his good."

"But I've jest hearn tell that every house on your plantation on the river was burned to the ground."

"Oh, the mysterious dispensations of Providence! Oh, how the righteous are made to suffer in this cold, hard world!"—Atlanta Constitution.

MORA COURT ADJOURNS

The district court of Mora county which convened Monday morning, adjourned yesterday. The county only had \$900 court funds and that could not last long. It is deplored by the people of Mora county, as there is much civil and criminal business pending which they would like to have disposed of.

During the short session, however, considerable business was transacted. It has been several years since a full term of court has been held in the county, always on account of the shortage of funds.

How Swift Was Sold.

An amusing affair happened once between a coal dealer and a Mr. Swift of Boston. The latter was very anxious to see that the former did not cheat him, so he—the purchaser—inspected the weighing of the coal himself and felt perfectly satisfied that he got his allowance, without any desire on the part of the coal dealer to share. However, while the coal was weighing, the driver of the team could not help laughing, aware at the time that the purchaser was particularly about the full weight of the coal. Mr. Swift, noticing the laughing driver, asked him what it was all about. So the driver told him.

"Why," said he, "when your coal was weighed you were standing on the scales and weighed with it."

"Is it possible? Why, I weigh nearly 200 pounds!"

"Well, sir," said the driver, "you are sold."

"Yes," was the reply, "and I have bought myself, too."

Puzzle for Post Office Clerks.

Cleverness is one of the attributes necessary for every man who is employed in the post office sorting mail, for he meets with all kinds of freaks in the shape of letters peculiarly addressed. Some jokers appear to think that all the postal clerk has to do is to solve puzzles.

Recently at the Boston office a letter was received addressed "Wood, Mass." with a line drawn under the "Wood" and over the "Mass." The letter went out the same day it was received and reached Mark Underwood, Andover, Mass., for whom it was intended, and the postal clerk who solved the riddle did not think he had done anything brilliant. It was all in his day's work.

Loot of Dinner Campaigns.

The Bohemienne was giving a dinner to a few friends. One by one they unfolded their large white serviettes and held them up to the light from the chandelier.

"What prize did you draw?" the writer asked. "Mine is from Healy's."

"Mine," said the artist, "is from the Cafe Boulevard."

"And mine," the poet exclaimed grandiloquently, "is finest of all. It was swiped from the Waldorf."

"How can I help it?" the Bohemienne asked, "if they will persist in carving their names in letter of damask that won't come off?"—New York Press.

Hallucinations in the Sickroom.

Physician—The majority of my patients are victims of a peculiar hallucination.

Druggist—Indeed! What is the nature thereof?

Physician—They seem to think I haven't any earthly use for money.—Utica, N. Y., Observer.

Subject to Revision.

"I cannot be your wife," she replied, and added: "This is final."

He paced swiftly to and fro several times, then halted abruptly in front of her.

"Pray be candid with me," he said, not without the note of masculine impatience. "About how final?"

"This was too much. She burst into tears."

"How do I know?" she sobbed.—Union Advertiser.

Health of School Children.

The growing interest taken in Germany in the health of school children is evidenced by the appointment of 18 school physicians, in Munich and in Elberfeld. Many other cities have followed the example of Wiesbaden, which in 1896 was the first to appoint a school doctor. In Wurtemberg the authorities have even extended the system to the high schools. In Austria it has just been ordered that candidates for teachers' positions must be examined in the subject of school hygiene. Throughout Germany efforts are being made to equip the teachers of the lowest grades of the public schools in matters of health. The installation of shower-baths in each school is being carried out as a matter of course, wherever this is possible. Two cities have already followed the example of Charlottenburg in establishing a school in the woods near the city, in which may be taught children suffering from chronic diseases, who are not physically able to take the regular course, but, on the other hand, are not hospital patients or unable to study at all. During the summer months, this "wood school," as it is called, has kept open all day, the children being fed there. The American custom of fresh-air trips, says the New York Post, is also being limited in Germany, special attention being paid to delicate children. In Kolberg, the popular bathing place on the Baltic, there was opened this summer a school sanatorium, to which were sent child patients from many places.

The Beet-Sugar Industry.

The census of 1905 shows much progress in the beet-sugar industry of the United States, showing 51 establishments, against four in 1880, says the Baltimore Sun. At present \$55,923,459 is invested in beet-sugar production, and the annual product is worth \$24,393,794. Most of the increase of plant and product has taken place since 1900, when the output was worth but \$7,323,857. Of the 2,175,417 tons of beets grown in the census year on 240,757 acres and costing \$11,345,785, four-fifths were grown by contract by independent farmers. The sugar factories do not grow their supply of beets to any large extent. Granulated beet sugar was produced to the extent of 496,618,314 pounds, worth \$23,493,373. Other products were raw sugar, 11,223,697 pounds; molasses, 9,609,642 gallons, and pulp, worth \$202,070. The leading states in beet sugar are Colorado, Michigan and California, the first producing \$7,198,982 worth of beet sugar, the second \$5,378,004 worth and the third \$4,415,172 worth. California and Colorado irrigate the land used to produce beets. In Utah a system of pipelines connects slicing stations with the central factories. The beets from the neighboring country are received at these slicing stations, where the juice is extracted and treated with a composition of lime, after which it is forced through the pipes to the factories.

The Value of Time.

One of the most important lessons to be learned by every man who would get on in his calling is the art of economizing time. A celebrated Italian was wont to call his time his estate; and it is true of this as of other estates of which the young come into possession, that it is rarely prized till it is nearly squandered; and then, when life is fast waning, they begin to think of spending the hours wisely, and even husbanding the moments. Unfortunately, habits of indolence, listlessness, and procrastination, once firmly fixed, says New York Weekly, cannot be suddenly thrown off, and the man who has wasted the precious hours of life's seed-time finds that he cannot reap a harvest in life's autumn. It is a truism which cannot be too often repeated, that lost wealth may be replaced by industry, lost knowledge by study, lost health by temperance or medicine, but lost time is gone forever. The men who effect great achievements bring about wonderful results mostly by steady, unremitting toil, by turning even the moments to account. They have the genius for hard work, the most desirable kind of genius.

Nearly half of the sheep in the world are in two thinly populated countries of the southern hemisphere—Australia and the Argentine republic. Russia has more sheep than any other country in the northern half of the globe.

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FUTILE FIGURING.

A man who could measure the distance to the palest of far-away stars, who had studied the rings around Saturn and traced all the streaks upon Mars, who could tell you the weight of dim Venus—the planet, you understand—weighed.

Having hoarded up three hundred dollars, decided to dabble in trade.

He stood by the side of the ticker, the broker explained how it went. And the scientist, being enlightened, invested his wad—every cent.

He bought on a margin and gladly went home at the close of the day. With a dream in which rose a fair palace and a beautiful yacht on the bay.

This man who could figure the distance to the palest of far-away stars, who could tell you the weight of dim Neptune—and had measured the streaks upon Mars, went crazy in trying to figure out how he had lost every cent.

In spite of the fact that the broker explained how the blamed ticker went.—S. E. Kiser, in Chicago Record-Herald.

Change of Heart.

First Female Advocate—What? Do you mean to say Mrs. De Sweet has resigned from the Woman's Rights society, and says she has all the rights she wants?

Second Female Advocate—Just so.

F. F. A.—Mercy me! What has happened?

S. F. A.—I'm sure I don't know. Johnny! Have you seen Mrs. De Sweet lately?

Little Johnny—No, ma'am, but as I was passin' her house this mornin' I saw a furniture wagon stop and unload a cradle.—N. Y. Weekly.

NOTHING WORSE TO COME.



She—You always used to say that you would rather be with me in purgatory than without me in paradise!

He—Did I say that? Well, that wish has certainly been gratified!—Heltero Welt.

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